



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 522

LCO No. 4252



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ADMINISTERED BY
NURSING HOMES TO VETERANS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-521c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 No nursing home facility, as defined in section 19a-521, or
4 residential care home, as defined in section 19a-521, shall restrict any
5 patient from obtaining prescription drugs through a prescription drug
6 program or health plan offered by the United States Department of
7 Veterans Affairs. [If a nursing home facility or residential care home
8 patient obtains prescription drugs through a prescription drug
9 program or health plan offered by the United States Department of
10 Veterans Affairs, the nursing home facility or residential care home
11 may require such prescription drugs to be dispensed and administered
12 according to such facility's or home's policies, provided such policies
13 conform to applicable state and federal laws.] At the request of a
14 patient, such facility or home shall dispense and administer
15 prescription drugs obtained through a prescription drug program or
16 health plan operated by the United States Department of Veterans

17 Affairs regardless of the form of the drugs' packaging. Nothing in this
18 section shall prevent such facility or home from dispensing and
19 administering to a patient prescription drugs that are obtained from
20 sources other than a prescription drug program or health plan
21 operated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs when
22 the patient requires such drugs before the drugs can be obtained from
23 such drug program or health plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-521c

VA *Joint Favorable*